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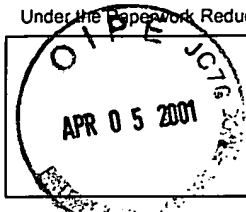
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This is a request for a (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/392,865 filed on September 9, 1999, entitled NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD.

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